Mini refineries by ONGC

2472. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC proposes to set up mini-refineries near exploration sites and other places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such refineries had been commissioned by ONGC during the last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A skid-mounted mini-refinery was commissioned on 3.9.2001 by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited at Tatipaka in Andhra Pradesh with an installed capacity of 0.08 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA).

Dismantling of price control in petroleum sector

2473. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have dismantled the price control in the petroleum sector w.e.f. 1st April, 2002; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to see that the fluctuations in the global crude oil price do not frequently effect the prices of petrol or diesel in the domestic market after the beginning of new era?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a free market scenario, while the normal fluctuations in the